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Alleged Juvenile Abduction and Sexual Assault Fabricated Alleged Victim Admits to Branson Police She Fabricated the Crime

Police Officers and Detectives with the Branson Police Department have been working to investigate an alleged abduction and sexual assault of a juvenile after reporting the crime last Thursday afternoon. An aggressive investigation was initiated as police officers and detectives worked essentially around the clock to work on and follow-up on every lead and tip that was received.

Based on the investigation and information received, the detectives completed a third interview with the alleged victim. During this interview, the victim admitted that she had fabricated the story and the crime did not occur.

Because the person involved is a minor, further information on potential charges will not be released as juvenile records are closed to the public.

"The crimes alleged in this case are very serious," stated Assistant Police Chief Eric Schmitt. "The Branson Police Department thanks the many people that took the time to contact the tip lines and provide valuable information for the investigation."